

**REMARKS**

This Supplemental Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. In this Supplemental Amendment, claim 71 is amended in a manner that is consistent with the amendment to claim 1, as presented in Applicants' Amendment and Reply of February 10, 2005. As such, Applicants' election of Group I in the Amendment and Reply of February 10, 2005 is not adversely affected by the amendment to claim 1 because claims 1 and 71 each include, among other things, an analyte sensing component disposed within the housing and including a first radiation converting component, an analyte-specific binding ligand, and a macroporous matrix. No new matter has been added.

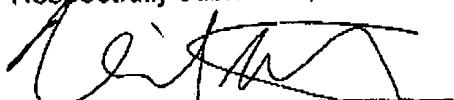
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the claimed invention on the merits. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims present patentable subject matter. Accordingly, allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

It is noted that should a telephone interview expedite the prosecution of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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